

Investing in Education to Close the Achievement Gap

Closing the achievement gap by addressing the impact of poverty and other factors on student engagement, achievement and success.



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Increase reading proficiency by grade 3

- Create seamless learning pathways from birth to grade 3
- Enhance the quality of instruction and increase alignment between the early education and K-12 sectors
- Improve early literacy and kindergarten readiness by creating language- and literacy-rich environments in all early education programs, K-3 classrooms, homes and communities

Enhance the effectiveness of the educator workforce

- Build a 21st century educator preparation system in Massachusetts
- Provide educators with ongoing access to effective instructional and assessment tools and materials
- Provide all educators with high-quality professional development opportunities

Turn around our lowest performing schools and districts

- Establish the school- and district-level conditions necessary to effectively implement and sustain new instructional, professional development, staffing and resource allocation strategies
- Hire talented educators and provide targeted assistance to these professionals and their colleagues
- Provide comprehensive support services to students and families

Increase college and career readiness

- Create multiple pathways to postsecondary educational and career opportunities
- Implement more rigorous curricular standards and create career standards
- Increase curricular and assessment alignment among high schools, institutions of higher education and workforce development entities
- Create strong partnerships among the education, workforce development and industry sectors